

## Extensive Changes on Franklin Street

Lower Franklin street will present a changed appearance after April 1 as many of the buildings on this part of the street will be changed and remodeled and many of the present occupants are to seek different locations. The Curran Talking Machine Shop is to move from the present location in the Sunlight building to the building owned by Carl White, Jr., at the corner of Bath and Franklin streets. This move will necessitate the renovating and altering of the property to accommodate the Talking Machine Shop. The present building which contains several stores on the ground floor and lodging rooms on the second floor, will, when alterations are complete, contain one large store on the ground floor, which will require plate glass set in copper and new lighting fixtures. The second floor will be used as a display and storage room. A number of sound-proof booths are to be installed and other of the latest improvements to aid the sale of musical and talking instruments will be put in. The work will cost about \$1000.

The Norwich Electrical company are planning to branch out and will in addition to their present store, take the store adjoining the one now occupied by A. Goldblatt's shoe shop. Mr. Goldblatt will move into the store vacated by the Talking Machine Shop. The second floor is to be occupied by the Jewett Sherhand school. These changes will also mean that a large amount of alteration will be made in the Sunlight building, such as removing a partition between the two stores of the Norwich Electric company and the alteration of the second floor.

On the other side of the street the building owned by John A. White, who has a restaurant is to be vacated by the first of April and will be occupied by John J. McGuire, who has to vacate his location in the Wells property across the street. The store which Mr. McGuire is to occupy will be renovated and painted and slight alterations made to the building.

In the block owned by George (Greenberg) the store that has been used by him as a wholesale liquor place has been fitted up into a first class store and will be occupied by a Providence concern who will establish a millinery store. The store occupied by his saloon will, in the near future, be fitted up into a business place and will be occupied by a local contractor on Monday reported that last week had been as slack a week as any this winter.

With the launching of the drive by the Building and Loan association it is expected that within the next few months building activities will boom and that local building will be back on a new wave.

Building applications filed with Fire Marshall Howard L. Stanton during the past week:

**NEW LONDON.**

Architects are preparing plans for a new house to be erected on Franklin street. It will be 26x55 feet, two stories high, of brick, with a full basement. The ground floor will be an assembly hall, rest room and toilet, and the main room which will be arranged for the apartment. The second floor will be used for bedrooms and will be heated by steam. The cost of the building is estimated at about \$25,000.

Mrs. P. J. Hessel and Louis Markovitch, both of New London, will erect a motion picture theatre building at Ocean Beach on the plot called the Knoll.

It will be a heavy timber construction, 26x55 feet, with exterior walls of brick, and will be heated by steam. The ground floor will be a hall, billiard room and entrance for several concessions for the amusement of the community. The second floor will be used for bedrooms and will be heated by steam. The cost of the building is estimated at about \$25,000.

Architects have completed plans for a new comfort station to be erected at R. 10th and 11th streets. It will be 12x12 feet of brick, with a full basement, covered with stone, and will have a state roof. There will be 11 fixtures in this building, which will cost about \$5,000.

Excavation work on the building site for the new \$100,000 Methodist Episcopal church in Broad street is to be started in April, February, 1921, should the structure completed, it is claimed.

The church is to be built of tapestry brick and will stand 25 feet from the sidewalk. The building will provide an auditorium for worship which will seat 600 persons, and the number of the church would accommodate. The seating capacity of the surrounding galleries is to be 250.

### GOODYEAR.

A government is on foot for the erection of a new schoolhouse at Goodyear. It is reported that the Goodyear Mills Co. have made an offer to take the present school building off the hands of the town and "make" to contribute \$25,000 toward the erection of a new building. A town meeting will soon be held to take action in the matter. The cost of the school, which would have eight rooms and an assembly hall, would be about \$100,000.

The Goodyear Co. has offered to pay \$25,000 toward the erection of a new school building here to cost not less than \$100,000.

### MIDDLETOWN.

Plans are being made for alterations to the annex at the state hospital. The alterations will include new floors, new plumbing, electric wiring and some of the work. There will also be a three-story brick addition, 20x30 feet and will be used for toilets and bath.

The Russell Manufacturing Co., is planning the erection of a number of new houses in the South Parish district during the spring. All will be of frame construction arranged for one and two families.

### PUTNAM.

The Torrington Building Co., of Torrington has been awarded the contract for an addition at the plant of the Manhasett Manufacturing Co. in this place. The addition will be three stories high, of brick and concrete, with concrete foundation, steel sash, etc.

### ROCKVILLE.

Owing to the high cost of building it has been voted not to start the new hospital here which is to be erected on property donated by E. S. Henry until conditions improve. Funds are now being raised for minor improvements at the present general hospital.

### CONNECTICUT BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Bank clearings the past week show a large increase in many provisions. Clearings for the week in Hartford were \$9,911,086, as against \$7,244,412 last year, showing a gain of 37.1 per cent. While in New Haven the clearings for the week amounted to \$8,193,892, compared with \$4,659,244, a gain of 75 per cent. and in Springfield clearings for the week were \$5,614,498, as against \$2,650,677 in the corresponding week of last year, showing the remarkable increase of 113 per cent.

Petitions in bankruptcy for the week numbered eight, with liabilities of \$43,123 and assets of \$44,740. A year ago in the last week of the month two petitions were filed in this state, and in 1919 none.

The 1920 census of certificates of incorporation during the week and total authorized capital stock of \$1,350,000 which compare with 15 corporations with capital stock of \$4,472,000 formed in the corresponding week of 1919.

Sales of real estate continue active. In a past week sales by warranty deed in the Commercial Record compiled 437 comparing with 287 last year, while mortgage loans for the week amounted to \$1,759,015 as against \$2,825,213 a year ago.

Owing to the poor weather conditions and the high cost which enters into every department of the building game, few new projects are being started at this time but quite a large number of important projects are being cleared or are being prepared by architects throughout the state. Building work is being done during the week in the general Connecticut cities and in Springfield numbered but 43 for new construction work to cost \$109,755, nearly all of this being found in Hartford. A year ago 114 permits for construction work amounted to \$214,135 were issued in this state.

### REAL ESTATE SALES AND MORTGAGE LOANS.

There were seven sales of real estate in Norwich during the week of March 1, 1920, for the same week of last year. The mortgage loans for the respective weeks were \$8,575 and \$16,530.

There were in New London last week eight sales of real estate and nine for the corresponding week of 1919. The mortgage loans for the two weeks were \$31,750 and \$24,050 respectively.

### BUILDING OPERATIONS.

#### IN NEW ENGLAND.

Statistics of building and engineering operations in New England as compiled by The F. W. Dodge Company follow:

Contracts to Feb. 26, 1920, \$37,566,000.

### Sirloin, Round, Porterhouse

## STEAKS - lb. 29c

### CORNER BEEF

Plate, Brisket

lb. .... 12 1/2c

### SALT PORK

Nicely Mixed

lb. .... 25c

### Wednesday Specials

## THE MOHICAN COMPANY

United States Wheat Director's License Number 003155

### Swift's Hams Fresh

Whole or Half Frankfurters

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Sound, but smaller than No. 1

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